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TITLE: USE OF BLOOD AND PLASMA DONOR SAMPLES AND DATA
IN THE DRUG DISCOVERY PROCESS

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TO FINAL ACTION DATED AUGUST 2, 2006**

Sir:

This Request for continued Examination (RCE) and Reply are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated August 2, 2006, having a one-month extended period for reply set to expire on December 4, 2006 (December 2 being a Saturday). Submitted herewith are the requisite fees for filing an RCE and a one-month extension of time for reply. If any additional fees are required in order to continue the prosecution of this application, please charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.